

"GIVE US CLUBS," SAY THE FARMERS

They Are Greatly Interested
in the President's New
Commission.

WOMEN WANT PLACE TO MEET

Letters Pour in From Rural
Folk With Ideas to
Suggest.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—Farmers in all sections of the country are manifesting great interest in the forthcoming meeting of the commission in farm life appointed by President Roosevelt.

What do the farmers need in addition to bountiful crops to make them happy? What can the government do to populate the farms and keep the agriculturists out of the cities?

These questions are being answered by the farmers themselves since the President appointed the commission of five experts to investigate. While the commission will not assemble for a week or ten days, letters are coming in from farmers who have ideas to suggest.

It is surprising to the officials here who are reading these letters that the farmers from the four corners of the United States should unite practically with unanimity upon recommending, as one of the most important methods of making country life attractive, the erection of community houses.

A Place to Smoke and Read.

The club life that means so much to the city man is wanted by the farmers, along with the other features of rural progress. They want a place to meet, to smoke, to whittle, talk crops and read.

Some suggest that the meeting rooms could be provided in connection with the schoolhouses, others that a spare room or two might be found at the postoffices. No one has intimated that the government should build each community such a house.

Another suggestion which is generally supported by the farmers is that some arrangement should provide for removing the middle men. The farmers, whether they raise grain, cotton, cattle or truck, protest against dividing their legitimate profits with commission merchants and others who market for them the crops. If they cannot by organization arrange to sell through their members or representatives, then they hope the government commission will find some way by which the grain elevators, stock yards, commission merchants and other middle men may be forced to reduce their charges.

The Women Folk, Too.

The "women folks" upon the farm also are not hesitating to impress their opinions upon the questions involved. They do not envy their city sisters, but they do insist that they should have as much pleasure in life. They do not ask that theaters be erected at the cross roads or that stretches of roadways be paved for promenades, but like "the men folks," they want a touch of the club life—some place where they can meet.

The women propose an enlargement of the old church-swing circles idea. They want a room, conveniently located, where they may gather at short intervals, bring their sewing, maybes, and do a little gossiping, perhaps, while they talk over the features of farm life that occupy their attention.

The commission, before it fairly gets down to work, will encourage those upon the farms to make suggestions freely.

2-CENT FARE DISCUSSED

Hadley, Kennish and Lehmann
Confer in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18.—Herbert S. Hadley, Attorney General; John Kennish, his assistant, and F. W. Lehmann, special counsel for the State, spent last night at Mr. Lehmann's offices figuring out how much it costs to run a railroad.

In order to prove that the 2-cent fare law is valid and not confiscatory, attorneys for the State are preparing testimony to be offered at Kansas City in the hearing before the Federal Court, which opens Oct. 5.

Experts, who are supposed to know the cost of operating railroads, were taken into the conference. Charts have been prepared by the experts, showing the cost of making them, lighting trains, wear and tear on rolling stock, and the thousand other details of railroad operating.

"The testimony which we have prepared will show that the 2-cent fare is amply compensatory," said Mr. Hadley.

Mr. Hadley and Mr. Kennish departed for Jefferson City this morning.

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NORDICA'S SISTER LOSES HER JEWELS

If it Were the Singer, Press
Agent Might Be
Suspected.

BOSTON, Sept. 18.—Jewelry and other articles to the estimated value of about \$3000, belonging to Mrs. William H. Baldwin of Dorchester, the sister of Mme. Lillian Nordica, the prima donna, recently have disappeared so mysteriously that it is feared by their owner that they have been stolen. It first was reported that Mme. Nordica was the owner of the lost jewels, but such was not the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and their family were about leaving Vineyard Haven, Martha's Vineyard, after a stay of some length, and it was in the transfer of their baggage to the steamboat wharf that a small traveling-bag disappeared. It contained toilet articles and a watch studded with diamonds, a valuable gem-set bracelet, a necklace, brooches, rings and like articles of jewelry.

The Baldwin family has been staying at their own cottage at this resort and the members have been to a hotel in that place for their meals. After closing their cottage they went to the hotel for dinner, just before returning to Boston, and they first saw a baggage wagon leave the hotel with various belongings, among which was the bag which has been lost. This loss was discovered when the party later reached the wharf.

Search Is Fruitless.

Search was begun at once, yet the bag could not be found, although it first had been supposed that it merely had perhaps dropped off, unnoticed, from the wagon in transit. Buses along the way-side have been searched, and as the missing articles have not been found public notices were posted in Vineyard Haven and thereabouts to advise any possible finder regarding the ownership.

Members of the Baldwin family say they always have heard and felt that everyone on the island is strictly honest, and they are loath to think that these jewels really have been stolen. However, the local police at Vineyard Haven and the Boston police have been asked to help in their recovery, and descriptions of the missing valuables have been sent broadcast, in the hope of getting them back again.

Mme. Nordica recently was a visitor at the Baldwin cottage, leaving there on the Sunday previous to this loss of her sister's jewels. With her as a guest was her advising physician, Dr. Barnuch of New York, who accompanied her to that city, from which she starts on Oct. 7 on her season of musical work. Others of the Baldwin household included a son—Norton Baldwin; a daughter Miss Constance Baldwin, Mrs. G. A. Walker, a sister of Mrs. Baldwin and of Mme. Nordica, and a family friend, William H. Chauncey.

THIEF STARTS \$1,000 FIRE

Owner of Store Believes Intruder
Dropped Match in Lard.

James Armistead, whose implement house at Stephens Store, twelve miles east of here, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, believes the blaze was accidentally started by a thief, who dropped a match into a forty-gallon jar of lard in a corner.

All of the stock of the store, except three buggies, was burned. The insurance, \$1,000, probably will cover the loss.

LOST: D. K. E. pin between Kappa House and Academic Hall. Return to Kappa House, 315 Hitt St.

STEPHENS SPEAKS AT SCHOOL OPENING

Lauds Dr. R. H. Jesse, Who
Has Place of Honor
on Platform.

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not a single female college in the state more thoroughly equipped or with an abler faculty than Stephens College."

Mr. Stephens spoke at length of the opportunities of women in this country as compared with their degradation in the old countries.

Difference in Women's Lot.

"You have no idea of the difference I have seen in my travels abroad," Mr. Stephens said, "I have seen women as beasts of burden, drawing carts, carrying loads on their heads and in every way acting as the slaves of men. I have returned enthusiastic over the advantages of culture enjoyed by the women of this country and the transforming power of education."

Mr. Stephens closed with a tribute of affection and honor to his dead parents, Stephens College having been named for his father.

Clarence Marshall, the new director of the women's chorus, sang in a full baritone, "Hearest Thou," by Mattier, to his own accompaniment.

Dr. M. L. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church, proposed a motto to the students in a Biblical quotation: "He that would be greatest, let him be the servant of all." The benediction closed the convocation.

WENT MAD ABOUT GAME OF DOMINOES

Policeman's Outbreak Follows Game
in Station House.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—Patrolman Percy Mays, of the Fort Hamilton station, Brooklyn, who he came suddenly insane, while playing dominoes in the station-house, had regained his senses last night, according to physicians of the Kings County Hospital.

The policeman was on reserve early yesterday morning when a game of dominoes was suggested. Though he said he was ill Mays agreed to play.

The game had been in progress only a few minutes when Mays began to rave after making a misplay.

A dozen policemen seized and held him until Ambulance Surgeon Masterson arrived from the Norwegian Hospital. The surgeon pronounced the case to be one of acute mania. Police Surgeon Terry ordered the policeman removed to the Kings County Hospital.

Later Mays said he had no recollection of what had occurred at the station-house.

When Wellesley Was Young.

In a memorial sketch of the life and services of Miss Ada L. Howard, first president of Wellesley College, a number of unpublished official reports are included that are very interesting, giving, as they do, glimpses of the school in the days of its beginning, when only fifty-eight pupils were enrolled in 1876, down to 1882, when there were 450 students.

Thinks Play Helpful.

Gov. Hughes, speaking to the Playgrounds Association, said that some people may look upon human nature as debased, but that in his opinion the average boy and girl are good. "I believe," he said, "that every man and woman would rather do right than wrong."

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AT LAST! LEHR IS GUEST OF KING

"Monkey Dinner" Host Has
Royalty's Approval After
Long Effort.

MARIENBAD, Sept. 18.—Harry Lehr, he of "monkey-dinner" fame, now possesses the hall-mark of royal favor. Lehr's social career was climaxed when he had the ineffable honor of stretching his legs under the dinner table with King Edward.

Anthony Drevel, Lehr's Philadelphia friend, gave a dinner in the Kursaal in honor of the King. Mr. Drevel and the King are great friends, and when the King meets Mr. Drevel at Marienbad the King always honors Mr. Drevel by dining with him.

Owing to Mr. Drevel's pull with his Majesty, all the social climbers from America tag after the King to Marienbad on the trips when Edward is trying to get his royal liver into shape, in the hope of meeting his Majesty, and they endeavor to induce Drevel to include them among his guests when he gives a dinner to the King. Drevel, however, is obdurate, and rarely invites the climbers to share his glory.

Lehr, though, was included at a recent dinner. After the King had scanned the invitation list it included the American Dowager Countess of Strafford, Marquis de Soverali, Sir Sidney Greville, Sir Stanley Clarke, the King's Equerry, Arthur James and his wife, and, last but not least, Harry Lehr.

EMPLOYEE'S WEAPON KILLS MILLIONAIRE

Arrested, Man Says Shooting
of John Leonaid Was
Accidental.

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—John Leonard, 75 years old, a wealthy retired iron and steel merchant, living at Mont Clair, N. J., was killed almost instantly in his home yesterday morning by a bullet fired through his heart from a revolver that had been carried into his room by Walter C. Phillips, of this city.

Mr. Phillips, who is 52 years old, and who has been a trusted employee of Mr. Leonard for twenty-eight years, explained the shooting to the Mont Clair police as an accident. He was arrested by Henry Gallagher, Chief of Police.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Leonard telephoned to Mr. Phillips to come to Mont Clair. He was shown into Mr. Leonard's private library on the second floor. A minute later a shot was heard, and when Mrs. Leonard and Miss Violet Tyman, a nurse, of Newark, ran into the room they found Mr. Leonard gasping with a bullet wound in his breast. He died five minutes later without saying anything that would throw light on the way in which he was shot.

John Leonard was a millionaire. He engaged in the iron and steel business fifty years ago, but several years ago he retired from active business.

For more than twenty years Walter C. Phillips has worked for him, and there was said to be a friendship between the men deeper than that of employer and employee. Mr. Leonard placed Mr. Phillips in charge of a small business he retained, so that he could thereby hold a good position.

FLEET GIVES RECEPTION

Americans Repay Hospitality of
West Australians.

ALBANY, WEST AUSTRALIA, Sept. 17.—There was a reception and dance on board the battleship Connecticut yesterday, given by the officers in return for the hospitality that they had received on shore. Among those present were the governor and the premier of West Australia. There were 100 other guests and the occasion was an unqualified success.

In the tug-of-war contests on shore, an American team defeated a team from the British cruiser Gibraltar, but a team made up from the Albany police force defeated the American jacks.

The mayor of Albany gave a ball tonight to the American officers. The premier was represented by the governor.

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